GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Time Limit of Smart City Proposal
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether some of the State Governments have requested the Union Government to increase the time limit for submitting their smart city proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons cited therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the funds allocated for the first batch of 20 selected smart cities have been released and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(d) the amount of funds spent so far and the reasons for non-utilization of funds, if any; and

(e) whether the Ministry has given inputs and recommendations to the Ministry of Rural Development regarding the recently launched Rurban mission and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The last date of submission of Smart City Proposals (SCPs) was 15th December 2015. State Government of Tamil Nadu had sought extension in time due to unprecedented rains and floods in several parts of the State. An extension was given upto 29th December 2015. Similarly, in the Round 2 (fast track) of the Competition, time was extended by one week beyond 15th April 2016 due to several holidays in the third week of April 2016.

(c): The first instalment is released after meeting some conditions, such as incorporation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), etc. Out of 20 winning Smart Cities in Round 1, SPVs have been created and incorporated by 13 cities. Rs. 2288 crore has been released to 12 Smart Cities. Funds have not been released to Kochi (Kerala) as Election Model Code of Conduct is in operation there.

(d): For the 20 Smart Cities in Round 1, several activities are required to convert the Smart City Proposals (SCPs) to Request for Proposals (RfPs) followed by bidding and the start of execution. These activities are at different stages in different cities. The funds will be utilized only after bidding is completed.

(e): No, Madam.

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